

Application No. 10/820,158  
Response and Amendment filed December 12, 2006

**REMARKS**

By this amendment paragraphs 0076 and 0090 have been amended to correct the informalities as described by the Examiner. No new matter has been entered.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that the prosecution of this case might be advanced by discussing the application with Applicants' representative, in person, or over the telephone, Applicants' representatives would welcome the opportunity to do so.

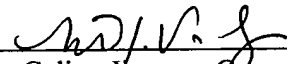
EXCEPT for fees payable under 37 CFR §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application, including fees due under 37 CFR §1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit, any overpayment to deposit account No. 50-1349. This paragraph is intended to be a constructive petition for extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR §1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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